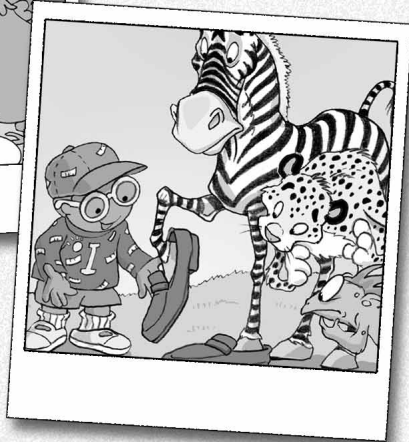
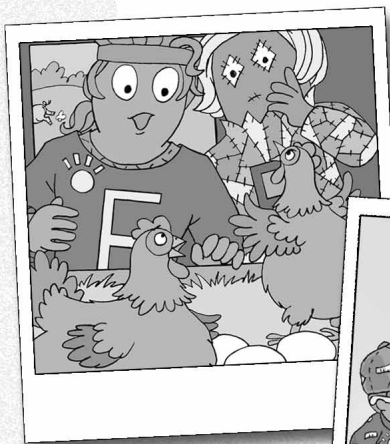


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Share the Story

Hello! We are the Letter People—26 of us—with many stories to share.

We live in a place just beyond the horizon in the imagination of children and teachers. Our home is the Land of the Letter People—a joyful community of learning. The more teachers and children talk to us and treat us like real people, the more we come alive as visitors in the classroom.

We are like no other people you have ever met. We're not children; we lead lives of relative independence. We're not adults either. We are simply ourselves—the Letter People!

No two Letter People are alike. Each of us is a unique individual with a distinctive personality. Each Letter Person has a special feature, like Ms. L's longest laugh or Ms. W's wonderful words. Each Letter Person has a different voice, expressed in a personal song—with music from a wide variety of styles. Each Letter Person has particular interests. Mr. R wins rainbow ribbons for the roses he raises. Ms. P is the proprietor of Pointy Patches Pig Ranch.

Sometimes we unintentionally hurt one another's feelings. For example, Ms. F, who is very fond of her own funny feet, once called Ms. T's tall teeth *funny* teeth! Ms. T felt bad. Yet we learn to work out our disagreements. Most of the time we help one another, like Ms. K who is kind.

Some Letter People are LetterLights: Ms. A, Ms. E, Mr. I, Mr. O, Ms. U—and sometimes Ms. Y. LetterLights light the way to making words! You can't make a word without a LetterLight, can you? Each LetterLight wears a light on one shoulder, is dressed in bright red-orange clothes and yellow shoes, and has a bright yellow letter front and back.

Mr. X is different from everyone else. His sound /ks/ is never heard at the beginning of a word. He walks differently and talks differently and sees the world differently. He shows all of us how to appreciate differences.

We're much more than letters of the alphabet—we're people. We're friends to millions of children who "speak" for us. We're learning partners who help, encourage, and accompany children on the journey of early literacy.

We Letter People speak to children, teachers, and parents—but you have to listen very carefully to hear us. Enter the Land of the Letter People and share our stories.

Letter People Special Features

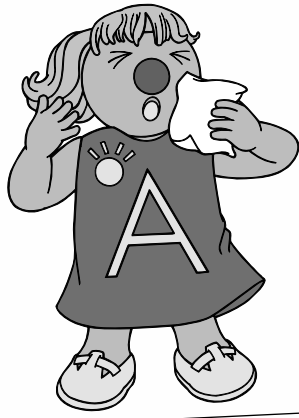
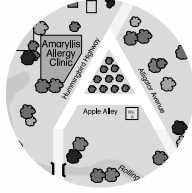
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Share Ms. A's Story

Letter Person: Ms. A

Special Feature: a'choo

Song Style: jazz music



Ms. A

A'choo! A'choo! I'm Ms. A, and when I'm happy, I sneeze all day. A'choo! I sneeze because I'm happy—not because I'm sick or have an allergy. Whenever I sneeze a'choo, I have to close my eyes. Did you know it's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open? Try it!

I always feel happy when I can be a helper. One day Ms. P felt sad. She tore one of her patches. I helped her sew it back on. I was so happy I sneezed—A'choo! A'choo! I also like to bake, especially apple recipes. Then I sneeze a'choo all day.

The /ă/ sound in my sneeze is just like the /ă/ sound in äpple. Some people call this my short sound. My letter A/a makes other sounds too. My long sound or Same Name Sound, /ā/, is just like my name: Ms. A.

I'm a LetterLight—I light the way to making words! LetterLights are also called vowels. We look different from other Letter People, who are consonants. Our letters are yellow instead of red, we wear bright red-orange clothes and yellow shoes, and we have a light on one shoulder. It's fun to get together with Letter People friends to make words like *can*, *tap*, and *bake*.

Find my hidden letter! I have a capital letter A in my hair—in the middle of my forehead.

I live on the corner of Apple Alley and Alligator Avenue, across from my apple orchard.

A'choo!
A'choo!



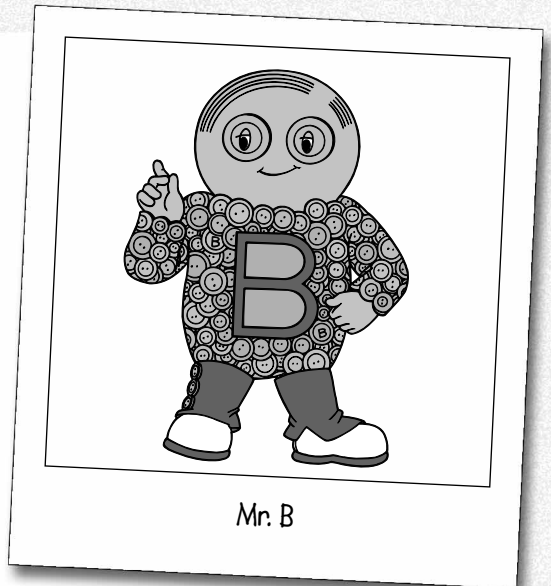
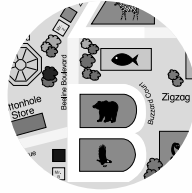
Mr. H and I are friends.

Share Mr. B's Story

Letter Person: Mr. B

Special Feature: beautiful
buttons

Song Style: waltz music



Mr. B

I'm Mr. B, and I wear beautiful buttons from my head to my toes.

I love all birthdays, but my birthday is best! One time my Letter People friends gave me a surprise birthday party. They brought buttons in bins, buttons in tins, buttons in cans, buttons in vans, buttons in bags, buttons with tags, boxes and barrels and bundles of buttons. They were all beautiful buttons for me, Mr. B. I have some trouble sharing my buttons. I'm beginning to be better about it.

I'm also learning to take turns. I was at the playground swinging with my friend Ms. A. There were only two swings. When Mr. N begged to have a turn, I gave him my swing. "Beautiful behavior!" said Ms. A.

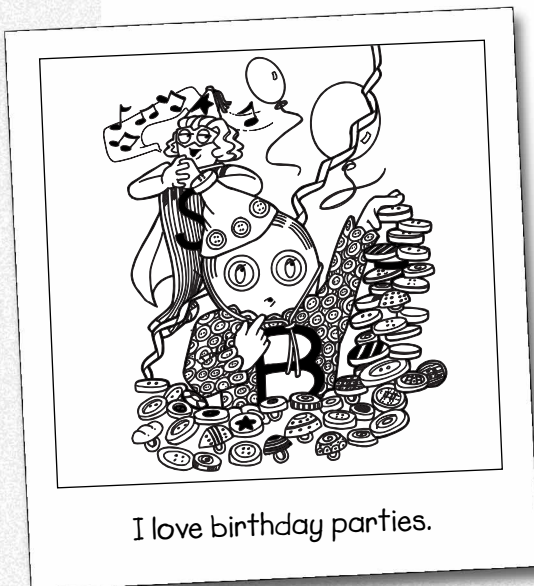
I like to discover how animals get ready for winter and keep warm. When it's cold, I feel bad that Mr. Z tells people to "zip up" after I've told them to "button up," but we work out our differences.

Best of all, I like to bike to the Button Hole Store. Before shopping, I make a list of the beautiful buttons I need to buy.

Find my hidden letters! I have two capital B's on my front and one lowercase b on my back.

I live between Beeline Boulevard and Buzzard Court.

Beautiful
Buttons



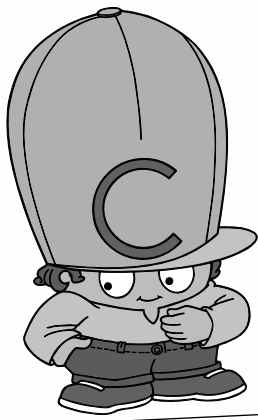
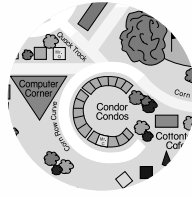
I love birthday parties.

Share Mr. C's Story

Letter Person: Mr. C

Special Feature: colossal cap

Song Style: calypso music



Mr. C

I'm Mr. C, and I'm so shy I cover myself completely with my colossal cap—well, *almost* completely. I worry that other people might be shy also, so I offer to cover them with my colossal cap too. I'm most comfortable in places where children care about one another.

I love to cook carrot soup and carrot cake, because I know that everyone needs food. I usually eat healthful foods, but sometimes I choose cookies for dessert.

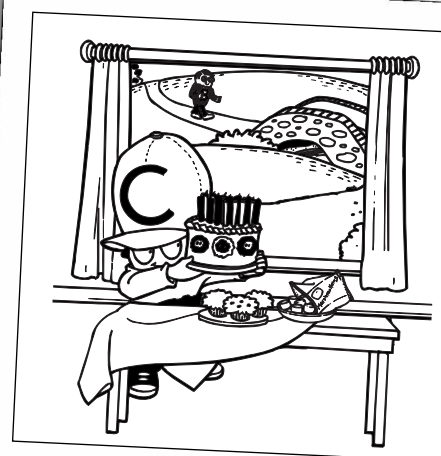
It's fun to compare colors. I like the fact that people come in different colors and live in colorful places. When I visit California, I ride cable cars to Chinatown in San Francisco.

My regular sound is just like the /c/ in colossal cap. I share that sound with Ms. K. In words such as *city* and *race*, I make the same sound as Ms. S.

Find my hidden letters! I have a lowercase c in my ear and on the back of my head.

I live at Condor Condos on Corn Row Curve, close to the Computer Corner, Cottontail Cafe, and the Cotton Candy Carnival.

Colossal
Cap



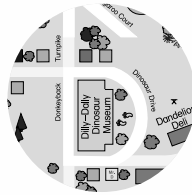
I cooked carrot cake.

Share Mr. D's Story

Letter Person: Mr. D

Special Feature: dazzling dance

Song Style: flamenco music



Mr. D

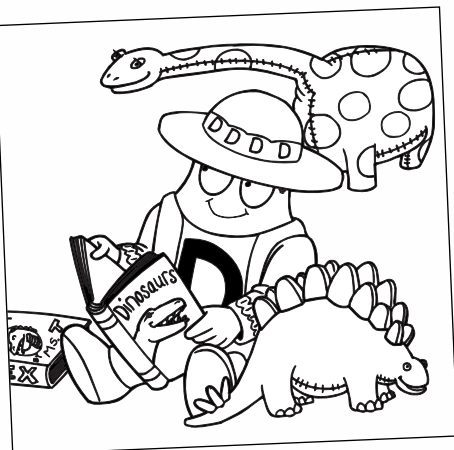
Da-da-da-ra-da-da-da, I'm Mr. D! I have a dazzling dance which I delight in demonstrating at my School of Dazzling Dance. Dressed in my dapper dance costume and dandy hat, I never dillydally. With my dynamic personality, I'm always diving and dipping and dashing across the floor, showing off dozens of dazzling dance steps.

Once I went on an archeological dig in the desert. The *Land of the Letter People Daily News* reported my discovery—dinosaur bones! While digging deep in the sand, I was disappointed to find things people carelessly dropped. I don't like to damage the Earth. I deliberately decided to take care of the land, and I defend endangered animals.

It's delightful to make a difference at home too. I like to talk to children about how families help each other.

Find my hidden letters! I have capital D's around my hat.

I live on Dinosaur Drive, next to my School of Dazzling Dance. Down the road are the Dandelion Deli and the Dilly-Dally Dinosaur Museum.



I read to my dinosaurs.

Dazzling
Dance

Share Ms. E's Story

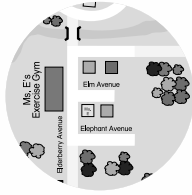
Letter Person: Ms. E

Special Feature: exercise
energy

Song Style: exercise music



Ms. E



"Exercise energy—bend down low, touch each toe!" Listen to me, Ms. E. I have exercise energy because I exercise every day. When I sing my workout song, all my Letter People friends exercise and get exercise energy too.

I'm an extrovert—I enjoy people, and I'm very enthusiastic! I like to help everyone get her or his needs met. Everybody needs exercise, food, sleep, a home, and love. I also like to talk to children about how living things grow and change when they get their needs met.

My regular /ĕ/ sound is just like the /ĕ/ in ĕxercise ĕnergy. My letter E/e makes other sounds too. My Same Name Sound, or long /ē/ sound, is just like my name: Ms. E.

Exactly like Ms. A, I'm a LetterLight. I light the way to making words. Sometimes I stand silently at the end of a word to help my LetterLight friends make their Same Name Sounds in words such as *space*, *like*, *bone*, and *use*.

Find my hidden letter! I have a lowercase e on my ponytail holder.

I live on the corner of Elm and Elderberry Avenues, across from my Exercise Gym. Each evening I get exercise energy by jogging on Edgewater Way.

Exercise
Energy



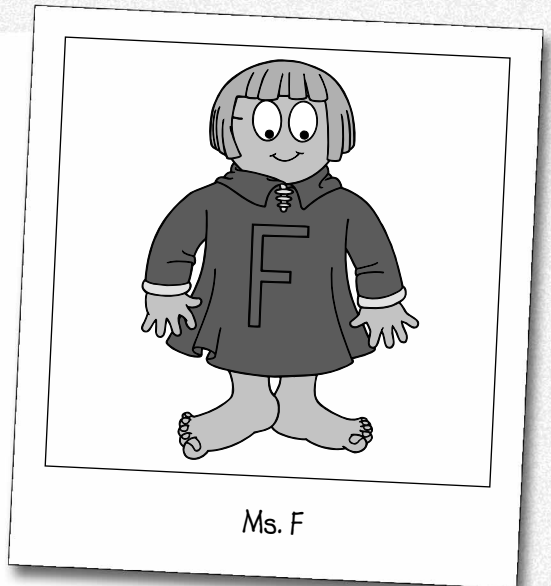
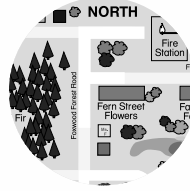
I enjoy exercise at the beach.

Share Ms. F's Story

Letter Person: Ms. F

Special Feature: funny feet

Song Style: soft shoe music



Ms. F

I'm Ms. F, and I'm very fond of my funny feet. I love to dance barefoot. My funny feet are fabulous and fantastic. They're different from other people's feet. We're all different from one another, and that's fine.

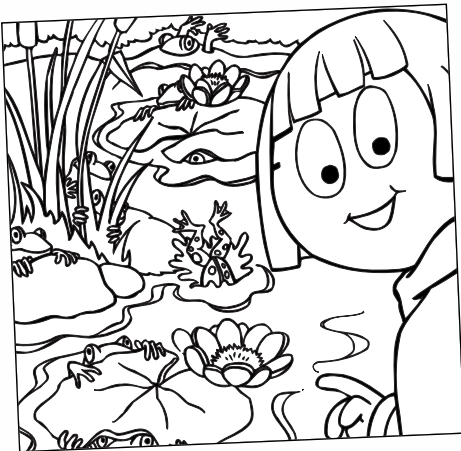
With my fun-loving personality, I make friends fast. Because I think everything is funny, a few times I've said the wrong thing and insulted someone. Now I've learned that everyone has feelings. I try to fix hurt feelings because family and friends are important to me.

If you follow my funny footprints in my Big Book, you will find that foxes, football, and fresh fruit are some of my favorite things. My favorite friend is me!

I saw an advertisement for Florida and flew down there for fun in the sun. Now Florida is my favorite place to visit. I saw flocks of flamingoes, floating frogs, and fragrant flowers. It was fascinating!

Find my hidden letter! I have a capital F hidden in my hair.

My home is on 44 Foxwood Forest Road, across from Foxwood Fir Forest. Fern Street Flowers and Fancy Feet Footwear are across the street.



I find frogs.

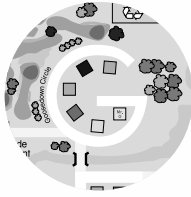
Funny
Feet

Share Mr. G's Story

Letter Person: Mr. G

Special Feature: gooey gum

Song Style: rap music



Mr. G

Gubble, bubble! I'm Mr. G, and I'm in trouble—too much goofing with my gooey gum. My gum gets stuck to my puppy, to my guppy, to my guitar string, even to my garden gate. I don't mean to create garbage. I'm just an easygoing, good-natured guy. Now I'm learning to keep my gum inside my mouth.

I've gotten very good at reusing and recycling garbage. I clean my garage and put trash in a bag or in a can. It's great to take care of the Earth, because the Earth is our home, and everyone needs a home.

My letter *g* usually makes the same sound as the *g* in gooey gum. My letter makes a different sound in words such as *giant*, *giraffe*, and *gym*.

Find my hidden letters! I have a lowercase *g* on my ponytail holder and one in my hair.

I live on Goosedown Circle, near Gopher Hole Golf Course and the Recycling Center.

Goosey
Gum



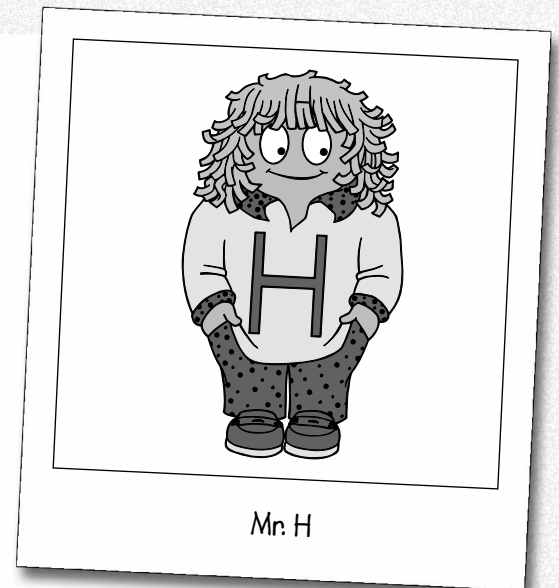
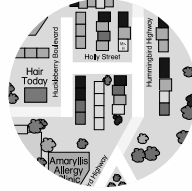
I got gum for my birthday.

Share Mr. H's Story

Letter Person: Mr. H

Special Feature: happy hair

Song Style: polka music



Mr. H

Hello, hello! I'm Mr. H with happy hair.
My happy hair makes me look handsome
and adorable.

I'm a happy-go-lucky fellow. I act as if I can handle anything. Yet I used to be afraid to have my happy hair cut, until I found out that it doesn't hurt.

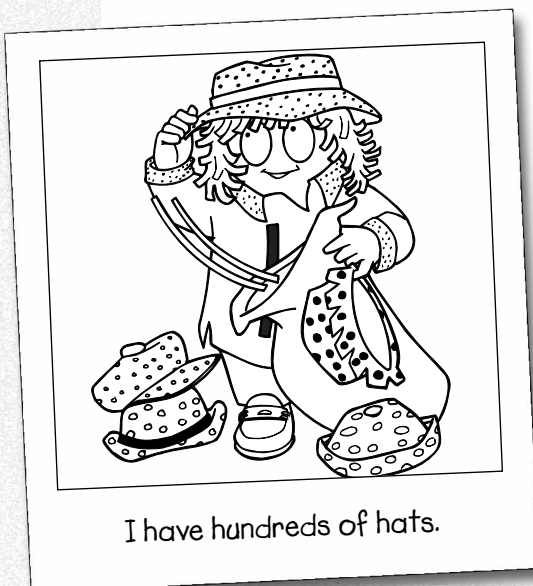
I'm healthy and have healthy habits. I brush my happy hair hundreds of times, take a bath daily, and wash my hands before I eat. Vacations also help to keep you healthy. When I heard about Hawaii from a travel brochure, I hopped on a plane for a holiday on the beach.

As much as I like to travel, I always look forward to coming back to my own house. There's no place like home!

Find my hidden letter! I have a capital H in my happy hair.

My home is at 100 Hummingbird Highway, near Holly Street and Huckleberry Boulevard. Holiday Hall, Hair Today, and Hollyhock Hospital are all handy.

Happy
Hair



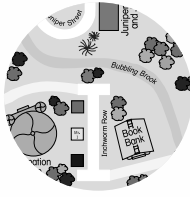
I have hundreds of hats.

Share Mr. I's Story

Letter Person: Mr. I

Special Feature: impossible
inches

Song Style: conga music



Mr. I

Hi! I'm Mr. I, covered with impossible inches—lots and lots of them. They're “impossible inches” because each inch wants to measure by itself instead of working together. I also wear glasses because I don't see as well as some other Letter People. As an illustrator and inventor, it's important for me to see clearly.

I'm incredibly interested in measuring everything, especially insects. Insects are among the smallest animals. Did you know that animals come in all sizes? I investigate which ones are big or little and where they live. I even measure my pet iguana.

My regular /ĩ/ sound is just like the /ĩ/ in ĩmpossible ĩnches. My letter I/i makes other sounds. My Same Name Sound, or long /ĩ/ sound, is identical to my name: Mr. I.

I'm a LetterLight like Ms. A and Ms. E. I light the way to making words.

Find my hidden letters! I have three lowercase i's on my left hand.

I live on Inchworm Row, near Indigo Avenue and the Imagination Station.

Impossible
Inches



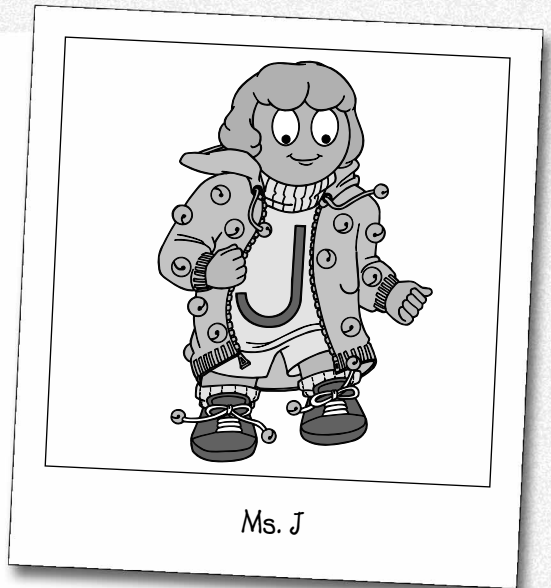
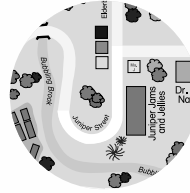
I sit on my bike.

Share Ms. J's Story

Letter Person: Ms. J

Special Feature: jingle jingle
jacket

Song Style: children's game music



Ms. J

I'm Ms. J. I'm joyful when I hear the sound of my jingle jingle jacket as I jump and jog around town. Just listen! When I stop...not a sound! I know traffic rules and want to be safe, so I use good judgment and never jaywalk. Besides walking, people travel in different ways: car, taxi, bus, train, plane—even subway!

I love sounds, especially the sound my jingle jingle jacket makes when I jog or jump. My Big Book is full of sounds! I also love to write in my journal, play jacks, and jump rope.

Find my hidden letters! I have a capital J on the front of my jingle jingle jacket, and a lowercase j on my back.

I live on Juniper Street, next door to Juniper Jams and Jellies.

Jingle Jingle
Jacket



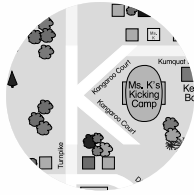
I like to jump rope.

Share Ms. K's Story

Letter Person: Ms. K

Special Feature: kaboom kick

Song Style: march music



Ms. K

I'm Ms. K, a soccer kicking champion with a kaboom kick! I'm proud of my kaboom kick, but I'm proudest when someone says, "That's Ms. K. She's kind."

I went to the playground with Mr. B to teach him how to use the slide. The first time, he fell—ker-thump! I encouraged him to try again. Finally, he did it! He said I was kind.

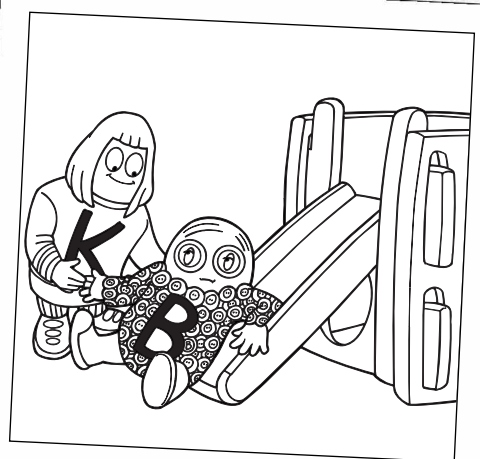
Did you know that kids live all over the world? I visit places like Korea, Kenya, Kuwait, and Kansas to compete in kicking contests. I'm known as the best kicker in the world. My picture is on a cereal box, and kids all over the world eat my Kaboom cereal.

My /k/ sound is just like the /k/ in kaboom kick. One day, Mr. C was upset because he thought I was using his sound without asking his permission. I was upset too—I would never do anything unkind. We worked it out, and now we share the /k/ sound.

Find my hidden letters! I have a lowercase k on each cuff.

I live on Kumquat Boulevard near Keyboard Boutique. My Kicking Camp is across the street in Kangaroo Court.

Kaboom
Kick



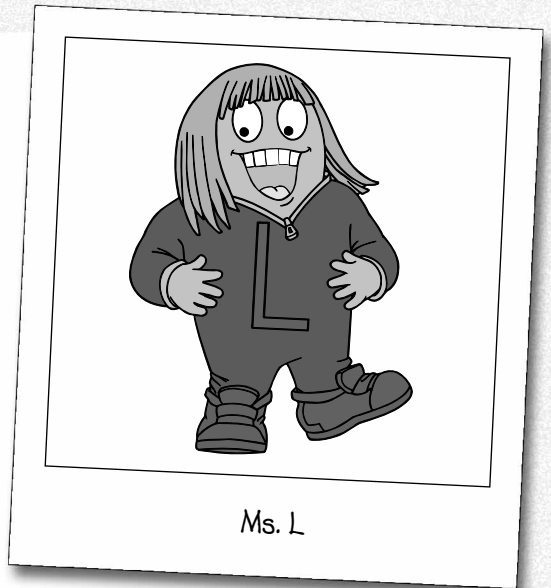
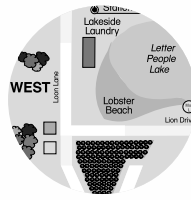
I am kind to my friends.

Share Ms. L's Story

Letter Person: Ms. L

Special Feature: longest laugh

Song Style: waltz music



Ms. L

Laugh with me! I'm Ms. L, and I laugh the longest laugh of anyone you know. Everything makes me laugh my longest laugh. Look—a lion dancing in leotards! Laugh with me! Look—a lobster singing a lullaby! Laugh with me!

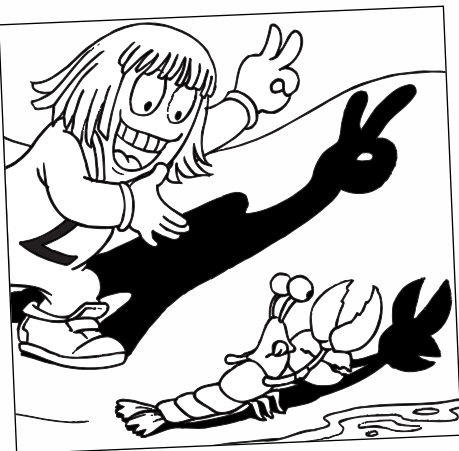
I like to lounge in a lawn chair overlooking Letter People Lake while sipping lemonade and reading library books. I also like to take little trips and then write letters about them to my friends. On my last trip, I went to Louisiana. Did you know that the state of Louisiana is the same shape as my letter L? No joke!

I'm lighthearted and lovable. When I'm not laughing my longest laugh, I like to learn about light and dark, and the way the sun gives us light and heat.

Find my hidden letters! I have two capital L's on my teeth.

I live in a lighthouse on Lion Drive at Lobster Beach on the shore of Letter People Lake.

Longest
Laugh



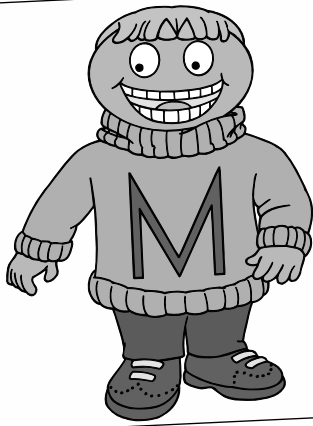
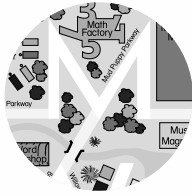
I play with light and shadows.

Share Mr. M's Story

Letter Person: Mr. M

Special Feature: munching
mouth

Song Style: rock music



Mr. M

I'm Mr. M, and I have a munching mouth. I munch from morning to midnight. Milk, muffins, macaroni, mashed potatoes I adore, mushrooms, meatballs, maple syrup—more and more and more and more!

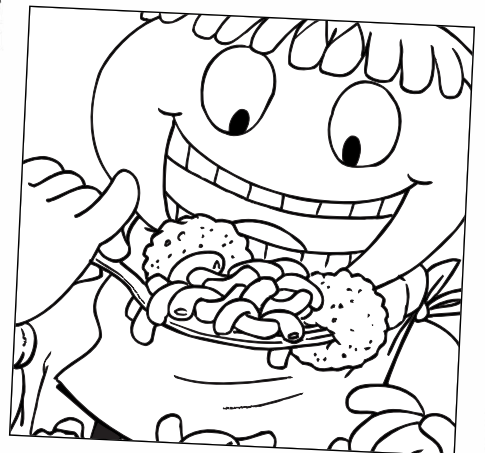
I use my senses when I'm munching. My food looks, smells, and tastes marvelous. My senses also help me to recognize what is safe and not safe to munch.

Many people tell me I am special. We're all special in our own magnificent ways. Each morning, I look in the mirror and say to myself, "I like me!"

Find my hidden letter! I have a capital M hidden in my hair.

I live in a mobile home at Maple Manor on Mud Puppy Parkway. Nearby are Meadowlark Market, Mud Puppy Mini Mall, and the Museum of Magnificent Art!

Munching
Mouth



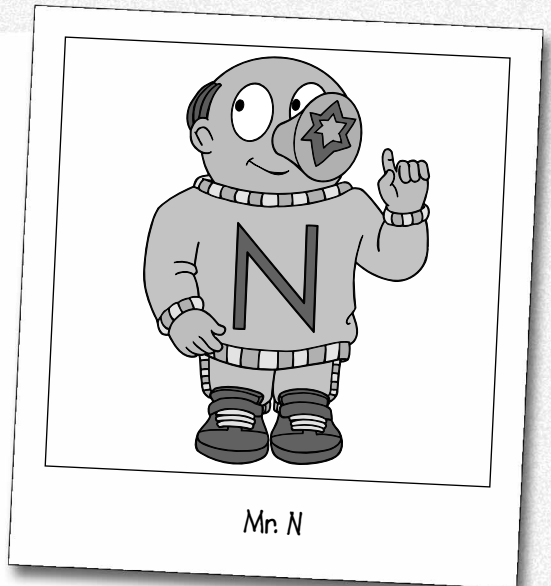
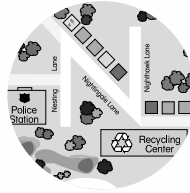
I munch meatballs and macaroni.

Share Mr. N's Story

Letter Person: Mr. N

Special Feature: noisy nose

Song Style: tap-dance music



Mr. N

My name is Mr. N. What's your name?
I have a noisy nose. Ninny, nanny, nonny!
That's my noisy sound. I love to make noise,
but I've learned not to use my outdoor voice
when I'm indoors.

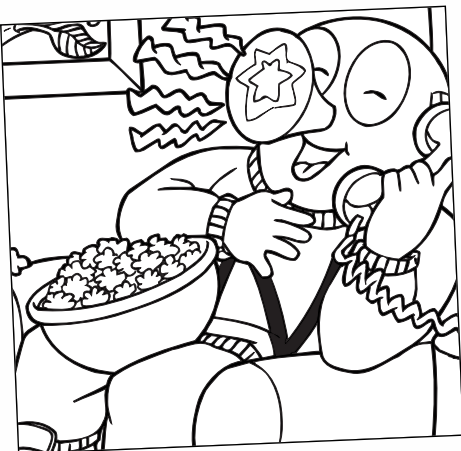
I've also learned to stay safe. I use my noisy nose to smell danger from a
fire. I can also use numbers to keep safe. If I have trouble, I dial 911. When
something is not safe, I know when to say NO!

I like to visit New York. It's a nice place. I walk around from morning until
night. I write about my adventures in a notebook at the end of the day.

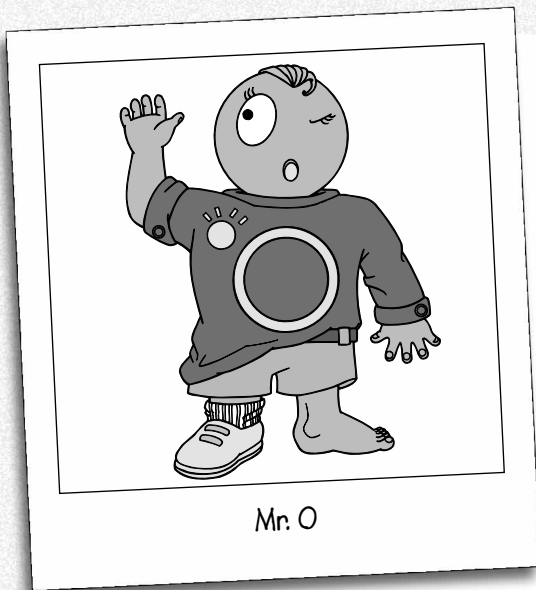
Find my hidden letters! I have a lowercase n in each ear.

My home at 99 Nightingale Lane is near Nesting Lane, Nighthawk Lane,
and Nuthatch Avenue. It's nice to know that the police station is nearby.

Noisy
Nose



I make noise with my nose.

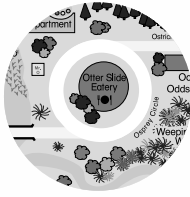


Share Mr. O's Story

Letter Person: Mr. O

Special Feature: opposite

Song Style: *tango music*



I'm Mr. O. I'm opposite. Whatever you say or do, I say and do the opposite—except when it's dangerous or unkind. When you say "fast," I say "slow." When I mean "yes," I say "no." I look opposite, too. I have one eye open, the other closed; one arm up, the other down; one shoe on, the other off; one pocket open, the other closed.

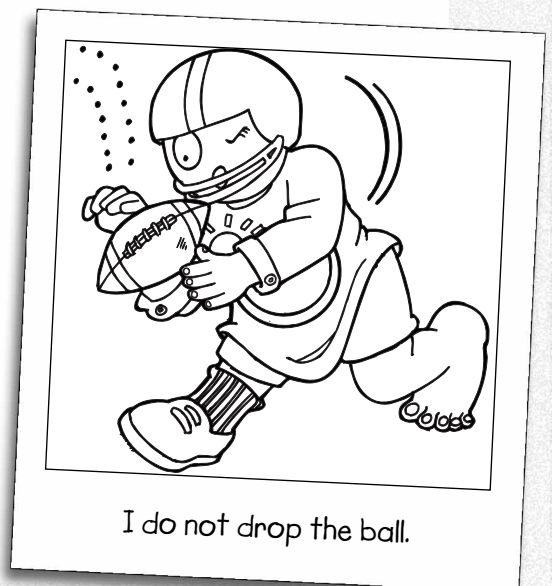
I don't like spring. (Just kidding! I'm being opposite again. It's really my favorite season.)

Being opposite helps everyone remember my regular /o/ sound, just like the /o/ in opposite. My Same Name Sound, or long /ō/ sound, is like my name: Mr. O.

Oh, I almost forgot! I'm a LetterLight also. Like Ms. A, Ms. E, and Mr. I, I light the way to making words.

Find my hidden letters! I have a capital O and four lowercase o's on my bare toes, and three lowercase o's on each hand.

I live on Osprey Circle, on the opposite side of Letter People Lake from Ms. W. I'm near Otter Slide Eatery and Octopus Odds n' Ends.

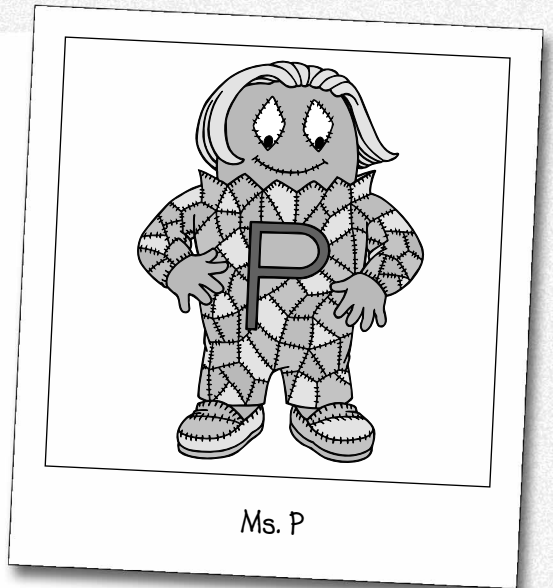
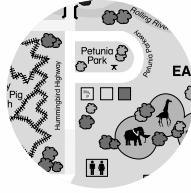


Share Ms. P's Story

Letter Person: Ms. P

Special Feature: pointy
patches

Song Style: country music



Ms. P

I'm Ms. P. I wear pointy patches all over my body, from my shoulders to my shoes. I have pointy patches on each elbow and each knee. The pink and purple ones are positively pretty, don't you think?

I love animals, especially farm animals. I have plenty of them on my Pointy Patches Pig Ranch. I have pigs in pens, a puppy, and a pet pony named Peppercorn. I think it's particularly important to give a pet proper care.

Find my hidden letters! I have two lowercase p's on my back.

I live on Petunia Parkway, across from my Pointy Patches Pig Ranch. I pedal my bike to Peachtree Pond, Petunia Park, and the post office.

Pointy
Patches



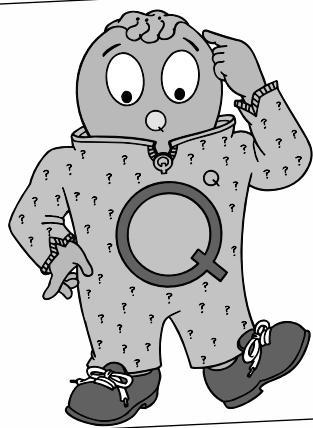
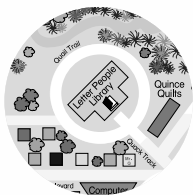
I point to the ponies on the farm.

Share Mr. Q's Story

Letter Person: Mr. Q

Special Feature: questions

Song Style: conga music



Mr. Q

I'm Mr. Q. My head is filled with questions. It's good to ask questions because you learn a lot.

One time Ms. P took a trip and wanted me to feed her pigs. I forgot to ask questions like, "What do pigs eat? How much should they eat?" I fed them too much food. The pigs got sick and made quite a mess. Now I always ask questions!

I find dinosaurs quite fascinating. I have lots of questions about them.

I have so many questions, I made a list of my questions and answers. Here are some examples.

Question: How do Canada geese from Quebec sound?

Answer: They don't quack like a duck. They say, "Honk! Honk!"

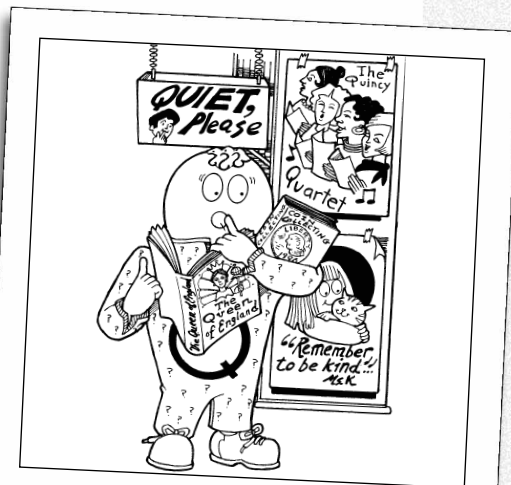
Question: At the start of a word like *question*, my letter makes sounds like two other Letter People: Ms. K and Ms. W. How can one Letter Person make two sounds?

Answer: Ms. U stands next to me in every word to help me make my sounds.

Find my hidden letters! I have a capital Q hidden among my question marks, and my mouth forms a capital Q.

I live on Quack Track. I find many answers to my questions at the Letter People Library on Quail Trail.

Questions



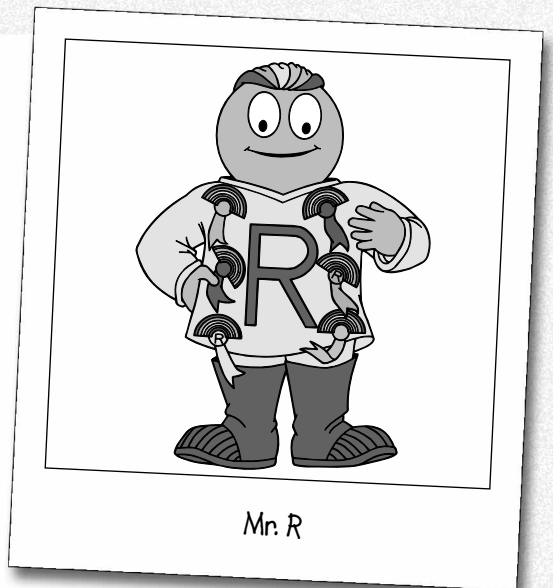
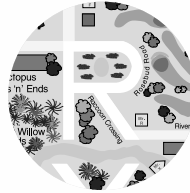
I find answers to my questions.

Share Mr. R's Story

Letter Person: Mr. R

Special Feature: rainbow
ribbons

Song Style: bluegrass music



Mr. R

I'm Mr. R. I have lots of rainbow ribbons. I win all the rainbow ribbons for the remarkable roses I raise. They're the best red roses by far. Some Letter People say I brag too much. But see for yourself—they really are remarkable red roses!

Flowers bring us beauty. My roses are beautiful, aren't they? I work very hard to care for my roses. I water them if it doesn't rain, and I remove all weeds. I tie them to branches so they won't drag on the ground. And I keep the rabbits and raccoons away.

Find my hidden letters! I have two capital R's on the front, on my rainbow ribbons.

I live on Riverview Road at Raccoon Crossing. Right across the street is Riverside Restaurant on Rolling River. My rose garden is on Rosebud Road.

Rainbow

Ribbons



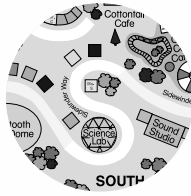
I plant a rosebush.

Share Ms. S's Story

Letter Person: Ms. S

Special Feature: super socks

Song Style: jazz music



Ms. S

I'm Ms. S, and sometimes I feel afraid. Then I put on my super socks. With my super socks, I laugh my fears away. With my super socks, I'm feeling okay. Hooray!

Outwardly, I look like a superstar with my superwoman cape and mask. Yet when I go to bed, there are shadows on the wall that frighten me. I silently put on my super socks, and suddenly, I see a silly monster bouncing on my bed. It's only my pet salamander, Sal, who came in my room to play with me. I love having a pet.

Sometimes I sing solos. I get nervous beforehand, but then I put on my super socks and scare my fears away.

Find my hidden letters! I have three lowercase s's hidden on the back of my super socks at the top.

I live on Sidewinder Way near the Sound Studio, Sabertooth Super Dome, and the Science Lab.

Super
Socks



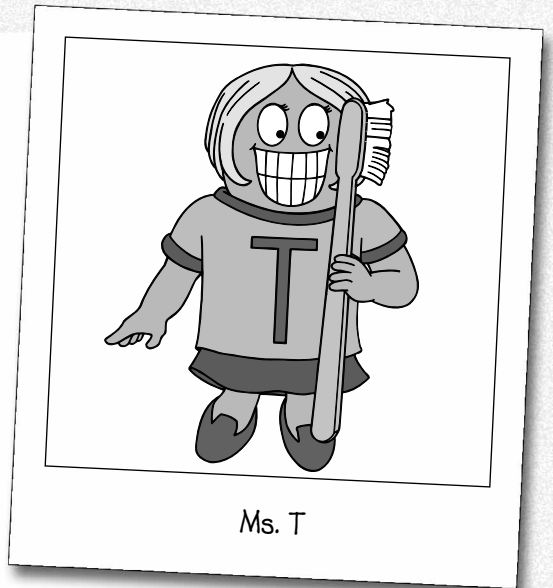
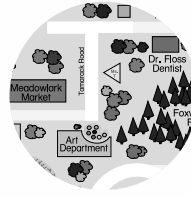
I like to play my saxophone.

Share Ms. T's Story

Letter Person: Ms. T

Special Feature: tall teeth

Song Style: country music



Ms. T

I'm Ms. T, with terrifically tall teeth. I keep myself healthy and carry a tall toothbrush with me to brush after each meal. My favorite sense is taste. I eat only tasty, healthful things that are good for my tall teeth.

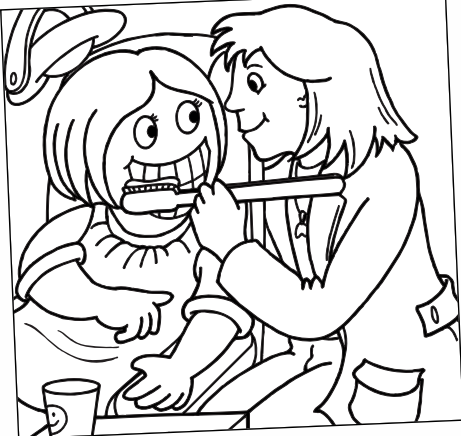
Whenever I travel, I make a list of things to do. I take two of everything in my tote bag—just in case. There are many kinds of transportation. I try to take them all.

I'm always on the go—safely. I got a new bike for my birthday. I was so excited, I started to peddle to my friend Mr. M's house. When he spotted me, he told me to stop. I had forgotten to wear my helmet. Now I always travel safely.

Find my hidden letters! I have two capital T's hidden in my toothbrush.

I live at 2 Tamarack Road in an apartment at the top of a tall tower shaped like a triangle. My dentist, Dr. Floss, is nearby on Tumbleweed Turnpike.

Tall
Teeth



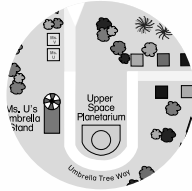
I take care of my tall teeth.

Share Ms. U's Story

Letter Person: Ms. U

Special Feature: unusual umbrella

Song Style: conga music



Ms. U

U-u-up and away! U-u-up and away! I'm Ms. U with an unusual umbrella to fly up, up, up in the sky. Sometimes my unusual umbrella doesn't want to fly. When I'm stuck on the ground I feel upset, but usually I'm an upbeat person.

It's fun to fly and see what our planet Earth looks like from up high. Yet I know that what goes up must come down—sometimes with a thump!

My unusual umbrella also protects me from the rain. Did you know that rain helps to fill our oceans, lakes, and rivers? Unbelievable!

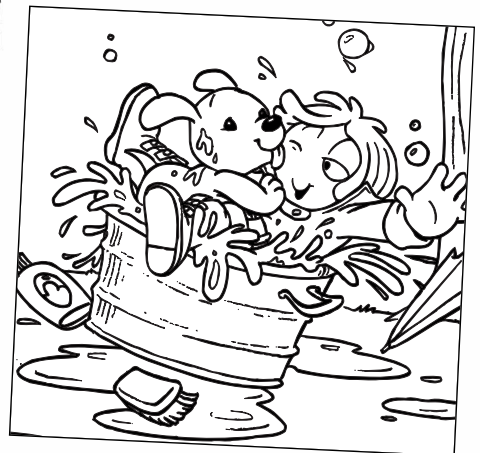
My regular /ŭ/ sound is like the /ŭ/ in ŭnusual ŭmbrella. My Same Name Sound, or long /ū/ sound, is just like my name: Ms. U. That's useful to know!

I'm a LetterLight like Ms. A, Ms. E, Mr. I, and Mr. O. We all light the way to making words. I also help Mr. O make opposites—button/unbutton, tie/untie.

Find my hidden letter! I have a capital U in my hair.

I live on Umbrella Tree Way. The Upper Space Planetarium and my Umbrella Stand are just a run, skip, and jump away.

Unusual
Umbrella



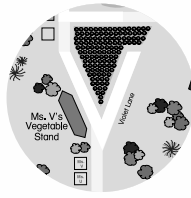
My pup and I are in the tub.

Share Ms. V's Story

Letter Person: Ms. V

Special Feature: vegetable vest

Song Style: march music



Ms. V

I'm Ms. V with my vegetable vest. My vegetable vest is covered with vegetables: lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, and potatoes. Veggies give you vitamins!

I'm a vigorous vegetable gardener. I love to plant seeds and grow vegetable plants. Plants give us food that is vital for our health. When I eat peppers, broccoli, radishes, and celery, I'm filled with vim and vigor. I encourage everyone to eat lots of vegetables for vitality.

The menu at my restaurant—Ms. V's Valley View Café—offers a wide variety of vegetables. I serve vegetable soup, variety salad, the very best vegetable stew, veggie burgers, and much more. The whole family can eat here for a very reasonable price, with violin music at dinner.

Find my hidden letters! I have v's on my cuffs.

My home is next to my Vegetable Stand. My vegetable garden is across the street on Violet Lane.

Vegetable
Vest



I load vegetables in my van.

Share Ms. W's Story

Letter Person: Ms. W

Special Feature: wonderful words

Song Style: jazz music



Ms. W

I'm Ms. W. I love wonderful words. Wet, walnut, welcome, walrus—words, words! I love words! I even wear words all over me. Wow!

My favorite words are weather words like *warm* and *windy*. Each day I check the weather and ask myself, "What will I wear?"

I'm also very interested in water. There's water everywhere!

My favorite place to visit is Washington, D.C. I saw the White House where the president lives.

Find my hidden letters! There are two capital W's in my eyelashes, one over each eye.

I live on Weeping Willow Way at the western end of Letter People Lake. Water Lily Way crosses the lake to Weeping Willow Woods. Also within walking distance are the Word Workshop and the Weather Watch Station.

Wonderful Words



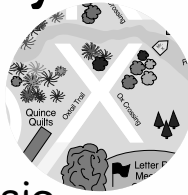
I love winter!

Share Mr. X's Story

Letter Person: Mr. X

Special Feature: different

Song Style: Broadway show music



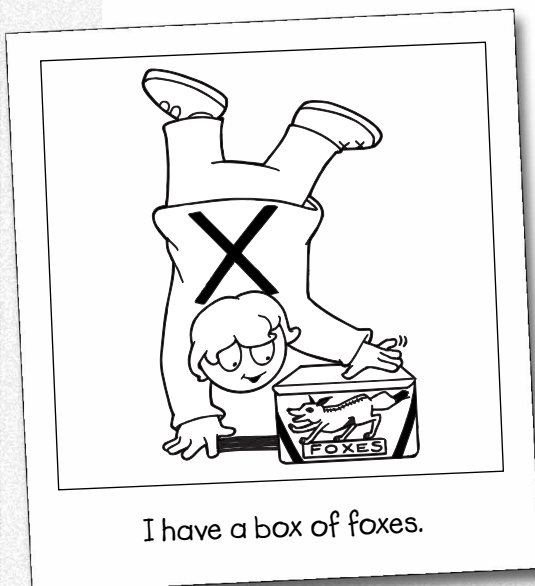
I'm Mr. X, and I'm different from everyone else. I walk differently—on my hands, not my feet. I talk differently. My sound is never heard at the start of a word—even though you will see my letter there sometimes. I see the world differently—upside down! I like me even though I'm different from you. I like you because we're different. I like me...I like you.

Each person is different from everyone else. All the planets and stars are different, too—no two are the same. I love learning about outer space.

As I said, I'm different because no words start with my sound. But there are many words that end with my sound—*box*, *six*, and *ax* to name a few. Also, my sound seems to have two sounds in it. Ms. K and Ms. S are kind enough to let me use their sounds. My letter can make two sounds! I'm different!

Find my hidden letters! I have four lowercase x's on one of my shoes.

Even my home is different! I live on a houseboat on Rolling River near Ox Crossing and Oxtail Trail. My boat is an excellent home. I can change my neighborhood whenever I want to visit a different Letter People friend.



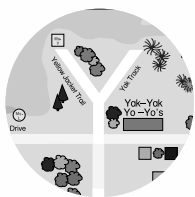
Different

Share Ms. Y's Story

Letter Person: Ms. Y

Special Feature: yodeling
yawn

Song Style: yodeling music



Ms. Y

I'm Ms. Y with a yodeling yawn. I yawn like no one else. My yodeling yawn gives me a language all my own: "Ya-eee-ya-eee-oh!" I've learned that people speak many different languages. It's not always easy to understand one another, but it's great to try to communicate. Yippee!

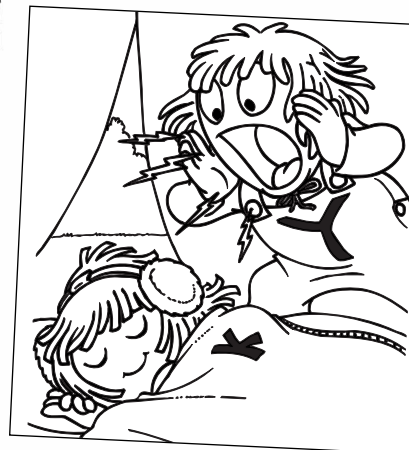
My favorite word is yes. My favorite color is yellow. One of my favorite things to do is play with my yellow yarn yo-yo in the yard. After I play hard, I always yawn because I need to rest. Everyone needs rest.

Sometimes I'm a LetterLight! I light the way to making words, just like Ms. A, Ms. E, Mr. I, Mr. O, and Ms. U. You usually hear the /y/ sound in yodeling yawn at the start of a word. I often use a LetterLight sound in other parts of a word.

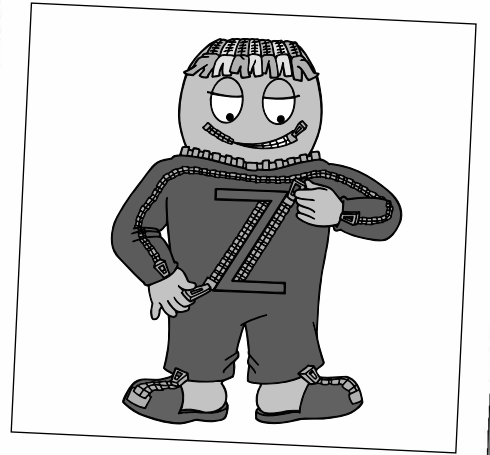
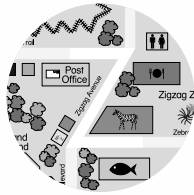
Find my hidden letters! I have two capital Y's in my hair.

I live on the shore of Letter People Lake, at the end of Yellow Jacket Trail. Yak-Yak Yo-Yo's is nearby.

Yodeling
Yawn



I yell, "Did you nap yet?"



Mr. Z

Come see my zipping zippers! I'm Mr. Z, zipping my zip-up slippers so they won't flip and I won't trip. I zip my zipping zippers quick as can be. Zipping up, zipping down, zipping zippers, Mr. Z. That's me!

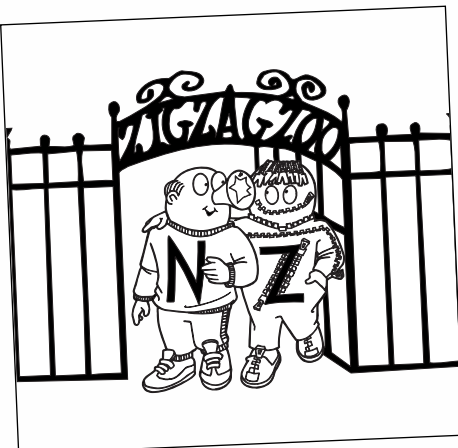
I'm proud that I'm covered with zipping zippers. I zip around the world to see what I can see. Then I send postcards home to all my friends, addressed, of course, with the right zip code.

I'm the zookeeper at Zigzag Zoo, especially responsible for zebras. Other animals live in zoos, too, like tigers, lions, elephants, and gorillas. They also live in jungles, forests, and other wild places.

My /z/ sound is the sound at the start of the words zipping zippers. I have so few words that start with my /z/ sound that sometimes I take other words and pretend they start with my zipping zippers sound. It's "zagic!" (I mean magic!)

Find my hidden letter! I have a lowercase z on the zipper on my back.

I live on the corner of Zigzag Avenue and Zebra Lane. My zip code is 00000 (pronounced “zero-zero-zero-zero-zero”). My home is near Zigzag Zoo.



Mr. N and I visit the zoo.